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MONTANA ECONOMY AT A GLANCE

September 2001

UNEMPLOYMENT BY COUNTY

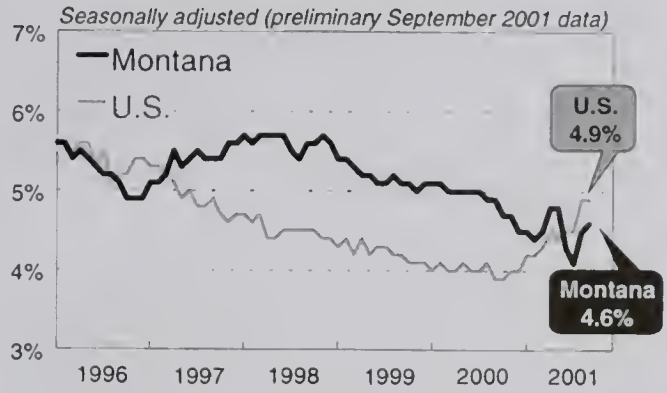
Not seasonally adjusted

	Sept 2000	Sept 2001*
UNITED STATES	3.8%	4.7%
MONTANA	4.0%	3.7%
Cascade **	4.2%	4.3%
Missoula **	2.7%	3.1%
Yellowstone **	3.1%	3.0%
Beaverhead	3.4%	2.3%
Big Horn	17.9%	17.0%
Blaine	4.3%	3.9%
Broadwater	4.5%	2.4%
Carbon	4.3%	3.5%
Carter	0.9%	1.5%
Chouteau	2.2%	2.6%
Custer	3.0%	2.2%
Daniels	2.0%	1.7%
Dawson	2.1%	2.5%
Deer Lodge	6.1%	4.6%
Fallon	2.5%	2.1%
Fergus	4.7%	3.8%
Flathead	4.8%	4.5%
Gallatin	2.0%	2.0%
Garfield	2.9%	1.4%
Glacier	9.6%	9.7%
Golden Valley	4.3%	2.2%
Granite	6.9%	4.5%
Hill	4.1%	3.7%
Jefferson	3.8%	4.0%
Judith Basin	2.4%	2.6%
Lake	5.5%	6.1%
Lewis & Clark	3.4%	4.0%
Liberty	2.9%	2.6%
Lincoln	8.2%	7.2%
McCone	1.7%	1.1%
Madison	2.8%	1.8%
Meagher	6.8%	3.1%
Mineral	6.3%	6.1%
Musselshell	4.6%	5.8%
Park	3.9%	2.7%
Petroleum	2.5%	0.5%
Phillips	2.9%	2.3%
Pondera	4.2%	3.6%
Powder River	1.8%	1.4%
Powell	4.1%	3.3%
Prairie	3.0%	2.1%
Ravalli	4.5%	3.6%
Richland	4.5%	3.9%
Roosevelt	7.3%	5.8%
Rosebud	5.4%	5.5%
Sanders	5.4%	5.3%
Sheridan	2.8%	2.3%
Silver Bow	6.8%	4.4%
Stillwater	5.0%	2.4%
Sweet Grass	2.4%	1.5%
Teton	3.3%	2.7%
Toole	2.9%	2.5%
Treasure	4.0%	1.7%
Valley	2.7%	3.3%
Wheatland	3.9%	2.6%
Wibaux	3.6%	1.1%

**September 2001 rate preliminary*
*** Cascade=Great Falls MSA*
Missoula= Missoula MSA
Yellowstone=Billings MSA

SEPTEMBER 2001 HIGHLIGHTS

Unemployment



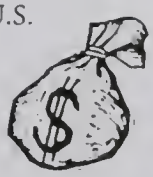
Montana's 4.6 percent September unemployment rate was up one-tenth of a percent over the month, but down three-tenths of a percent over the year.

Earnings

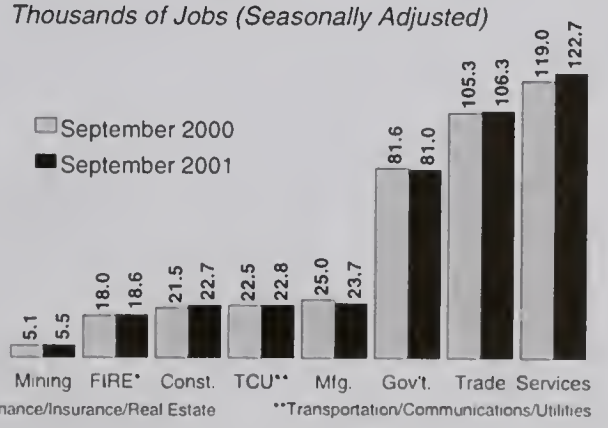
4.3% over-the-year increase in average weekly earnings for Montana private sector workers

Montana's average weekly September earnings outpaced the over-the-year increase in U.S. inflation.

2.6% increase in U.S. inflation



Nonag Payroll Employment



Montana's nonagricultural payroll employment was up 1.3 percent over the year. Services was up 3,700 jobs. Manufacturing was down 1,300 jobs.

NEW FROM THE 2000 CENSUS

Population Change by Selected Counties 1990 - 2000

Cascade	3.4%
Flathead	25.8%
Gallatin	34.4%
Hill	-5.6%
Lake	26.0%
Lewis & Clark	17.3%
Lincoln	7.8%
Missoula	21.8%
Park	7.8%
Ravalli	44.2%
Silver Bow	2.0%
Yellowstone	14.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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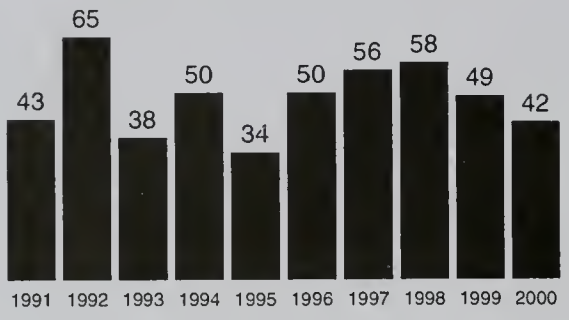
SAFETY IMPROVED IN MONTANA'S WORKPLACES

The number of work-related deaths in Montana declined in 2000, down 14 percent from 1999.

- Transportation accidents accounted for 22 of Montana's 42 work-related deaths in 2000.
- 17 of those who died worked in the agriculture industry; 7 in construction, 7 in services, 4 in retail trade and 3 in manufacturing.
- 95 percent of those who died were male.
- 57 percent worked for others; 43 percent were self-employed.

Workplace Deaths in Montana



INJURIES AND ILLNESSES REPORT

The most recent injuries and illnesses report for Montana shows workplace safety improved from 1998 to 1999.

- Injury and illness cases dropped from 7.8 cases per hundred full-time workers in 1998 to 7.2 cases in 1999.
- Montana's agriculture, foresty and fishing, construction and manufacturing industries were the most hazardous in 1999.

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